(d) Schemes for utilizing the funds collected under the Additional Excise Duty are under finalization.

Relaxations provided to Uttaranchal

†2948. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the relaxation provided to the new State of Uttaranchal on 7th January, 2003 and after wards by the department of industrial policy and promotion;

(b) the reasons for providing these facilities to the said State;

(c) out of them the factors relevant *vis-a-vis* the State of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(d) whether these facilities would also be provided to the State of Chhattisgarh;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) to (f) In pursuance of the announcement made by the then Prime Minister on 29th March, 2002, the Government issued a package of economic incentives on 7th January, 2003 for promoting industrialization in the State of Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh. Under the package, various incentives like income tax exemption, excise exemption and capital investment subsidy to new industrial units and existing industrial units on their substantial expansion in the identified locations have been provided. There is no proposal to provide a similar package of incentives for the State of Chhattisgarh.

Steps for healthy growth of exports

2949. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Indian owned and domestic companies are allowed to export Limenite, Rutile etc. directly, companies with foreign equity upto 74 per cent are required to set up value added project;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.